Mountain Weather Forecast

Eryri /Snowdonia

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 19 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 20 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 19 Apr 2023 at 03:00

Confidence: High for a largely fine if rather windy conditions through to Thursday, with cloud cover less certain. Becoming markedly lower confidence from Friday, with more unsettled conditions and some rain developing.

Headline for Wednesday 19 Apr 2023: Most likely fine, with cloud clearing later. Strengthening winds reaching gale in exposure later.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 19 Apr 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sunny	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Clear night
Precipitation probability					
10%	20%	20%	<05%	00%	00%

Forecast for Wednesday 19 Apr 2023

Weather: Breezy and extensively cloudy early on, with the odd spot of drizzle possible over higher ground. The day should otherwise be predominantly fine, with early cloud will lifting and breaking, the west seeing this earliest and for more protracted periods until more general clearance of the higher summits by around midday. Lengthy sunny periods into the afternoon, but strengthening winds may reach gale in exposure into the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% improving 80%

Low Cloud and visibility: Visibility very good in the main given relatively dry air, although hampered over the highest ground in extensive cloud above 500 metres at first – this clearing the higher summits around lunchtime.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	39/46 E	37/45 E	32/41 E	30/38 E	35/44 E	44/55 E	48/60 E
600	28/41 E	28/37 E	29/38 E	24/32 E	24/33 E	31/43 E	34/49 E
300	23/40 E	23/36 E	22/35 E	17/30 E	17/30 E	22/40 E	25/45 E
Valley	23/40 E	23/36 E	22/34 E	17/29 E	16/29 E	22/39 E	24/42 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	2/-7	2/-6	5/-2	5/-1	5/-1	2/-7	0/-9
600	5/-1	5/-1	8/2	8/4	8/3	4/-2	3/-4
300	6/1	8/4	11/7	11/8	11/8	7/2	5/-1
Valley	7/2	9/5	12/8	13/10	12/9	8/4	6/1
Freezing Level*	1500m	1500m	1500m	1600m	1500m	800m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Early conditions perhaps deceptive for the day as a whole, with the strengthening wind perhaps masking the effects of moderate UV in sunny spells, as well as the wind presenting a hazard in itself.

Forecast for Thursday 20 Apr 2023

Weather: A few early shreds of cloud should soon clear to leave a fine and largely sunny day, albeit with continuing strong winds. There is increasing uncertainty in these conditions seeing out the whole day, with high cloud at least perhaps invading from the east into the evening.

Maximum wind: Easterly 50mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90%

Low Cloud and visibility: Very good visibility, with fleeting low cloud in places at 500 metres soon dispersing.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Minus 2 Celsius becoming plus 14 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: Around the highest summits.

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